

**REMARKS**

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement. The Examiner requires restriction between Group I, Claims 1-3 drawn to a method for assembling a gasket and Group II, Claims 4-6 drawn to a gasket.

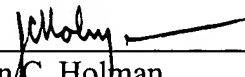
Applicants herewith elects to continue prosecution of Group I, Claims 1-3 drawn to a method for assembling a gasket. This election is made without traverse.

The non-elected claims are retained in this application pending decision by the Applicants to file a divisional application.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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